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1. In December 1952 about 1,350 persons were employed in the construction of aircraft at Sonnenstein near Pirna. The technical staff is composed of German technicians and engineers who were forcibly evacuated from East Germany in 1945 and transported to the USSR. Personnel may move about freely. Employees at Sonnenstein have demanded lodgings in Pirna, since the weather at Sonnenstein is very damp and unhealthy. Lodgings for 300 persons will be acquired in Pirna.
2. Assembled airplane parts are transported from Sonnenstein to Kamenetz. They are shipped in closed cases and are transported by special drivers. The drivers are not permitted to be present when the transports are loaded.
3. About 2,000 Volkspolizei troops were stationed in Pirna. Of these about 1,500 are in casernes; the other 500 are billeted in private homes requisitioned from citizens of Pirna.
4. In mid-November 1952, two transports from Moscow arrived at Sonnenstein. They carried aircraft for the depot in Trossen near Bad Schandau. Trossen was formerly a depot of the Wehrmacht and is now serving the same purpose for the Volkspolizei.
5. In Rathen near Pirna there are seven tunnels built into rock cliffs which were formerly used by the Wehrmacht. They are now being reconstructed, allegedly for the purpose of storing ammunition.

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